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Variable	Panel Wave Affected	Issue in Release 5	Fix in Release 6
LETIN1	2008	Contained values for LETIN1A	LETIN1 Dropped
LETIN1A	2008	Contained values for LETIN1	Recoded to LETIN1A
ISCO88	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
SPISCO88	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
PAISCO88	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
MAISCO88	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
ISCO08	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
SPISCO08	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
PAISCO08	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
MAISCO08	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
COISCO08	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
PRESTG10	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
SPPRES10	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
PAPRES10	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
MAPRES10	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
COPRESTG10	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
PRESTG105PLUS	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
SPPRES105PLUS	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
PAPRES105PLUS	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
MAPRES105PLUS	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
COPRES105PLUS	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
SEI10	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
SPSEI10	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
PASEI10	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
MASEI10	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
COSEI10	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
SEI10EDUC	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
SPSEI10EDUC	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
PASEI10EDUC	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes

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MASEI10EDUC	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
COSEI10EDUC	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
SEI10INC	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
SPSEI10INC	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
PASEI10INC	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
MASEI10INC	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes
COSEI10INC	All	Based on old OCC10 codes	Recalculated to new OCC10 Codes

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Variable	Sample Afected	Issue in release 4	Fix in Release 5
AGE	2006	1 case miscalculated	Recoded to correct
SEXORNT	2006	6 cases incorrectly coded NA[1]	Recoded to IAP[2]
IMMAFFUS	2006	Cases collected in 2008 incorrectly coded NA[1]	Recoded to IAP[2]
CONTERRR	2006	Cases collected in 2008 incorrectly coded NA[1]	Recoded to IAP[2]
INTRACE	2006	Cases collected in 2008 incorrectly coded NA[1]	Recoded to IAP[2]
CONSENT	2006	Cases collected in 2008 incorrectly coded NA[1]	Recoded to IAP[2]
COHORT	2006	5 cases miscalculated	Recoded to correct
PAOCC10	2006	3 cases coded 999 instead of 9999	Recoded to 9999
PAIND10	2006	3 cases coded 999 instead of 9999	Recoded to 9999
INDUS	2006	1 case miscoded	Recoded to correct
OCC10	2006	1 case miscoded	Recoded to correct
SPIND80	2006	NA[1] code 99 instead of 999	Recoded to 999
INDUS10	2006	1 case in wave 2 miscalculated	Recoded to correct

[1] NA stands for No Answer. Respondents who gave NA responses were eligible for the given question, but did not answer it. Reasons for not answering could include refusing the question, giving a garbled answer, or declining the remaining questions in a given module.

[2] IAP stands for Inapplicable. Respopndents who were IAP were not eligible for the question. Reasons for being ineligble include being on the wrong ballot for a module, giving a disqualifying answer on a screener question, or not having a requisite characteristic, such as being male for a question only asked of females.

Release Notes (July 27, 2016)

This release has updated the cross-section data up to date. Most notably, the new occupation and industry codes as well as new prestige and SEI scores are added. For more information, please refer to the previous release notes for the cumulative data for a history of fixes.

Variable	Sample Year	Issue	Fix
CHURHPOW	2008	Omitted by error	Added
ASTROLGY	2008	Omitted by error	Added
DAYNIGHT	2008	Invalid codes used: 6, 7	Recoded to 8 (DK) & 9 (NA)
SOLARREV	2008	if EARTHSUN=NA, SOLARREV should be NA	If EARTHSUN=9, then SOLARREV=9
SOLARREV	2008	if EARTHSUN=IAP, SOLARREV should be IAP	If EARTHSUN=0, then SOLARREV=0
MAJORCOL	2006, 2008	DK & NA not designated as missing values	98 & 99 designated as missing values
VISART to VISLIB	2008	IAP, DK, NA not designated as missing values	-1, 998, 999 designated as missing values
BIZSHARE	2006, 2008	IAP not designated as missing values	-1 designated as missing values
SPJREL16	2006	"9: Muslim/Islam" was incorrectly designated as a missing value (NA)	NA: 99
WTCOMB	2008	Omitted by error	Added
WTNRCOMB	2008	Omitted by error	Added

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INTID	2006, 2008	Omitted	Added
INTAGE	2006, 2008	Omitted	Added
INTETHN	2006, 2008	Omitted	Added
INTSEX	2006, 2008	Omitted	Added
INTYRS	2006, 2008	Omitted	Added
WHOELSE1-6	2006, 2008	Omitted	Added
LNGTHINV	2006, 2008	Omitted	Added
FEELEVEL	2006, 2008	Omitted	Added
FEEUSED	2006, 2008	Omitted	Added
MODE	2006, 2008	Omitted	Added
RELACTIV1	2006, 2008	Omitted	Added
CONSENT	2008	(No issue)	Newly released
SIZE, XNORCSIZ, SRCBELT	2008	Omitted	Added
REALINC, REALRINC, CONINC, CONRINC	2006, 2008	Omitted	Added
CONINC, CONRINC	2006	One category missing	Fixed
REALINC, REALRINC	2006	The questionnaire asked about previous year's income but the CPI of the current GSS year was used (please refer to the GSS Methodological Report 64 for details about how these variables are created)	CPI of the previous year is used
YRJOBEND	2006	Years were not ordered because two-digits were used	Use four digits; DK=9998 & NA=9999
WANTJOB1	2006	No value label for 8	Label for 8 "DON'T KNOW" added
NUMMEN, NUMWOMEN	2008	Most of the cases coded to 997 (Refused) needed reassignment	These cases were reassigned to 999
HIVTEST1	2006, 2008	Some of the IAP (0) cases were miscoded	Recoded to 8 or 9
LIFE	2006, 2008	Some cases were coded to an invalid code (4)	Recoded to DK (8)
FRNDSEX to OTHERSEX	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 4	Recoded to 9
REGION, REG16	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 8 or 9	Recoded to 6 or 4
WORDA to WORDJ, WORDSUM	2008	Some cases were miscoded to IAP	Fixed
WORDA-J, WORDSUM	2006	Among WORDTRY=1, there were two cases that responded DK to all 14 word questions	Recode: WORDTRY=2
WORDK-WORDN	2006	Sysmis was recoded to 0	Recode: sysmis=-1
ISSP	2008	Ballot 1 did not have the ISSP module	If BALLOT=1 then ISSP=2
OTHER, OTH16, SPOTHER	2006, 2008	Code redundancy: 59, 60, 62	Recoded to 64 (Mormon)
NUMCLERG	2008	One case was miscoded to 3	Recoded to 5
COUNSEL1 to COUNSEL3	2008	Some cases were miscoded to NA	Recoded to IAP
CLRGMAR1, CLRGMAR2	2008	Some cases were miscoded to NA	Recoded to IAP
CLRGSEX1, CLRGSEX2	2008	Some cases were miscoded to NA	Recoded to IAP
ONGOREL1, ONGOREL2	2008	Some cases were miscoded to NA	Recoded to IAP
TOLDEXP1, TOLDEXP2	2008	Some cases were miscoded to NA	Recoded to IAP
COHORT	2008	One case was miscoded to 1983	Recoded to 1964
SPISCO88	2006	One case was miscoded to 2322	Recode to 2320
DISCAFFW	2006, 2008	Code 5 is invalid	Recoded to 8
PRES04	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 5	Recoded to 6
PARBORN	2006, 2008	Somce cases were miscoded to 99	Recoded to 9
AWAY3	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 2	Recoded to 1
BIZSHARE	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 100	Recoded to 50
COLDEG1	2006	Some cases were miscoded to 8	Recoded to 0

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OTHLANG2, OTHBEST	2006, 2008	DK & NA were misassigned to 98 & 99	DK is assigned to 998 and NA is assigned to 999
WHYNOJB1, WHYNOJB2	2008	Incorrect missing value assignments: 8, 9	98, 99
PROZSLF1 to PROZSLF4	2006	Incorrect value labels	Correct labels are "Very likely"…."Very unlikely"
VIGNEI to VIGMAR	2006	Code 1 was mislabeled	Correct label is "Definitely willing"
SOCREL to SOCBAR	2006, 2008	No value label for 0	"IAP"
OTHLANG1	2008	No value label for 93	"Macedonian"
OTHLANG2	2008	No value label for 96	"Ilocano"
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 18000	Recoded to 28000
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 18000	Recoded to 48000
MADENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 18000	Recoded to 99999
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 28000	Recoded to 0
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 30035	Recoded to 60035
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 48000	Recoded to 18000
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60014	Recoded to 60016
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60016	Recoded to 60068
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60016	Recoded to 60117
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60035	Recoded to 60016
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60038	Recoded to 60058
MADENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60064	Recoded to 60068
MADENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60064	Recoded to 60059
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60064	Recoded to 48000
MADENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60064	Recoded to 60060
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60069	Recoded to 60060
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60069	Recoded to 60016
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60117	Recoded to 60068
MADENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60998	Recoded to 99998
MADENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60999	Recoded to 99999
MADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to IAP	Recoded to 60059
PADENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 18000	Recoded to 99999
PADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 18000	Recoded to 60058
PADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60031	Recoded to 60024
PADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60031	Recoded to 18000
PADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60058	Recoded to 0
PADENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60063	Recoded to 60065
PADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60064	Recoded to 18000
PADENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60064	Recoded to 60059
PADENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60064	Recoded to 60060
PADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60074	Recoded to 60031
PADENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60117	Recoded to 60035
PADENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60998	Recoded to 99998
PADENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60999	Recoded to 99999
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 18000	Recoded to 38000
DENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 18000	Recoded to 99999
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 28000	Recoded to 18000
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 38000	Recoded to 60064
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60031	Recoded to 28000
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60031	Recoded to 60059
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60031	Recoded to 60058
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60031	Recoded to 60035
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60031	Recoded to 60041
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60031	Recoded to 60024
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60032	Recoded to 60031
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60035	Recoded to 60031
DENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60035	Recoded to 60018
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60035	Recoded to 0
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60035	Recoded to 60016
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60058	Recoded to 60031
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60058	Recoded to 60068

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DENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60063	Recoded to 60065
DENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60064	Recoded to 60059
DENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60064	Recoded to 60060
DENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60064	Recoded to 60031
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60068	Recoded to 60064
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60069	Recoded to 60068
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60071	Recoded to 60077
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to 60116	Recoded to 60117
DENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60998	Recoded to 99998
DENKID	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60999	Recoded to 99999
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to IAP	Recoded to 60035
DENKID	2008	One case was miscoded to IAP	Recoded to 70000
DENSP	2008	One case was miscoded to 30068	Recoded to 60068
DENSP	2008	One case was miscoded to 33000	Recoded to 35000
DENSP	2008	One case was miscoded to 60048	Recoded to 48000
DENSP	2008	One case was miscoded to 60063	Recoded to 60065
DENSP	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60064	Recoded to 60059
DENSP	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60064	Recoded to 60060
DENSP	2008	One case was miscoded to 60068	Recoded to 60064
DENSP	2008	One case was miscoded to 60068	Recoded to 60037
DENSP	2008	Some cases were miscoded to 60068	Recoded to 60059
DENSP	2008	One case was miscoded to 60998	Recoded to 99998
DENSP	2008	One case was miscoded to 60999	Recoded to 99999

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About This Release of the Data

The GSS is in transition from a replicating cross-sectional design to a design that uses rotating panels. In 2008 there were two components: a new 2008 cross-section with 2,023 cases and the first re-interviews (panel) with 1,536 respondents from the 2006 GSS. The 2,023 cases in the cross-section have been previously released as a part of the 1972-2008 cumulative data. This new release includes those 1,536 re-interviewed panel cases along with the 2,023 cases.

Please note that this is not a cumulative file—those cases and variables not surveyed in 2008 are excluded. Also note that, although those 1,536 cases were from the 2006 sample, this release does not include their responses in 2006. We plan to release a data file with the previous responses in the future.

Newly Added Weight Variables

- WTPAN: weight for the panel cases only
- WTNRPAN: weight for the panel cases, considering non-respondents
- WTCOMB: weight for both cross-section and the panel cases combined
- WTNRCOMB: weight for both cross-section and the panel cases combined, considering non-respondents

Variables Used in the Panel

This release introduces new variables that were asked only of the panel cases of the 2008 GSS. The majority of variables introduced are related to the 2007 International Social Survey Program (ISSP) module on leisure time and sports.

PANEL	PANEL or CROSS-SECTION
NOFLYGUN	No guns if on no-fly list
KD6JWOTH	Respondent's child 6 considered Jewish
PAYENVIR	How willing would the respondent be to pay higher prices to protect the environment
IMMAFFUS	Respondent thinks immigrants to USA will make USA better
IMMAFMJB	Should priority be given to people who have family in USA or qualification
CONTERRR	How concerned the respondent is about the next terrorist attack

TVDVDVCR	How often watch TV, DVD, videos
GOMOVIES	How often go to movies
GOSHOP	How often go out shopping for pleasure
READBOOK	How often read books
ATTCULT	How often attend cultural events
SEERELS	How often get together with relatives
SEEFRNDS	How often get together with friends
PLAYGAME	How often play cards or board games
LSTMUSIC	How often listen to music
PHYSACTS	How often take part in physical activities
ATTSPRT	How often attend sporting events as spectator
DOCRAFTS	How often do handicrafts
TIMECOMP	How often spend time on Internet or PC
BETRUSLF	Free time activities enable the respondent to be real self
RELATPEO	Free time activities enable the respondent to strengthen relationships with people
ENJYBKS	How much enjoyment the respondent gets from reading books
ENJYFRND	How much enjoyment the respondent gets from getting together with friends
ENJYPHYS	How much enjoyment the respondent gets from physical activities
ENJYTV	How much enjoyment the respondent gets from watching TV, DVD, videos
ESTCNTCT	How often use free time to establish useful contacts
RELAX	How often use free time to relax and recover
LEARNSKL	How often use free time to learn skills
FRBORED	In free time, how often feel bored
FRRUSHED	In free time, how often feel rushed
FRTHNKWK	In free time, how often find self thinking about work
PEOALONE	In free time, the respondent prefers to be with other people or to be by oneself
AWAYHOME	In last 12 mo, how many nights the respondent stayed away from home for vacations or social visits
OFFWORK	In last 12 mo, how many days of leave from work
SPORT	What sport the respondent plays most frequently
TVSPORT1	What sport the respondent watches on TV most frequently
TVSPORT2	What sport the respondent watches on TV 2nd most frequently
GAMES	Types of game the respondent plays most frequently
PHYSMNTL	How important is taking part in sports or games
MEETPEO	How important is meeting other people
COMPETE	How important is competing against others
LOOKGOOD	How important is looking good
PRDSPRTS	How proud are you when America does well at an international sports or games competition? Would you say...
SPRTSDEV	Taking part in sports develops children's character
SPORTSTV	There is too much sports on TV
RACSPRTS	Sports bring different groups and races inside USA closer together
INTLSPRT	International sports competitions create more tension between countries than good feelings

GOVSPRTS   US government should spend more money on sports
PARTSPRT   In last 12 mo, how often the respondent has participated in sports association
PARTCULT   In last 12 mo, how often the respondent has participated in cultural association
PARTREL   In last 12 mo, how often the respondent has participated in religious organization
PARTCOM   In last 12 mo, how often the respondent has participated in civic association
PARTPRTY   In last 12 mo, how often the respondent has participated in political association
CANTRUST1   People can be trusted or can't be too careful
LACKFACS   Lack of facilities nearby prevents the respondent from doing free time activities
LACKMONY   Lack of money prevents the respondent from doing free time activities
HLTHAGE   Personal health prevents the respondent from doing free time activities
CAREOTH   Need to take care of someone prevents the respondent from doing free time activities
LACKTIME   Lack of time prevents the respondent from doing free time activities
WORDK   Word K
WORDL   Word L
WORDM   Word M
WORDN   Word N
WTPAN   Weight variable
WTNRPAN   Weight variable
WTCOMB   Weight variable
WTNRCOMB   Weight variable

A Note on the Global Economics Module in GSS 2008

There were some errors in the Global Economics Module (WORK3YRS – OTHPLAN) in the GSS 1972 – 2008 data file, and they are fixed in this release.